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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PLO

SUBJ: INDICATIONS OF PLO THINKING ON JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN  
TIES

1. KNOWLEDGEABLE PALESTINIAN SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT  
WITHIN PLO THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF IMPROVING TIES  
WITH JORDAN IN NEAR FUTURE AND THAT PLO NOT EVEN  
WILLING CONSIDER IDEA OF ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA  
MEPC AS PART OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION. A PRIME  
REASON FOR THIS PLO VIEW, SOURCE SAID, WAS  
REPORT IT HAD RECEIVED OF SUGGESTION REPORTEDLY  
MADE BY KING KHALID TO KING HUSSEIN DURING HIS  
DEC 1975 VISIT TO AMMAN THAT JORDAN AGREE ACCEPT  
SYMBOLIC PALESTINIAN PRESENCE ALONG JORDAN  
RIVER. KHALID ALLEGEDLY PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT  
OF EIGHT PALESTINIAN BASES, EACH MANNED BY SIX  
FEDAYEEN. HUSSEIN'S SUMMARY REJECTION OF KHALID'S  
MEDIATORY ATTEMPT INDICATED TO PLO LEADERSHIP  
THAT HUSSEIN WOULD PROBABLY BE UNWILLING TO  
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COMPROMISE IN ANY WAY ON KEY ISSUE OF PALESTINIAN

PRESENCE IN JORDAN. THEREFORE, THEY SEE NO HOPE FOR  
NEAR-TERM IMPROVEMENT IN JORDANIAN-PLO RELATIONSHIP.

2. COMMENT. SOURCE PROBABLY OBTAINED THIS STORY  
FROM KHALID AL-FAHUM WHO IS HIS PRINCIPAL CONTACT ON  
PLO EXCOMM. WHILE LESS IS HEARD THESE DAYS ABOUT  
POSSIBLE JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN RECONCILIATION,  
PERHAPS THROUGH SYRIAN MEDIATION, ANOTHER REASON  
COULD BE SIMPLY SYRO-PALESTINIAN PREOCCUPATION  
WITH LEBANESE CRISIS.  
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